

EXHIBIT A

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6. A method for treating an IgE-mediated disease in a patient, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of an anti-CD40 monoclonal antibody or an antigen binding fragment thereof, said monoclonal antibody or fragment thereof being free of significant agonistic activity and binding to a human CD40 antigen located on the surface of a human B cell, wherein the binding of the antibody to the CD40 antigen on the surface of said B cell prevents the growth or differentiation of the B cell.

8. The method of claim 6 wherein the monoclonal antibody is selected from the group consisting of 5D12, 3A8 and 3C6.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the monoclonal antibody is 5D12.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the monoclonal antibody is 3A8.

11. The method of claim 8 wherein the monoclonal antibody is 3C6.

29. The method of claim 6 wherein said antigen binding fragment of said monoclonal antibody is selected from the group consisting of Fab, F(ab)₂ and Fv.

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30. The method of claim 6 wherein said monoclonal antibody or said antigen binding fragment thereof is humanized.